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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6782**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 2111**

**DATE PREPARED:** Feb 20, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 19, 2001

**SUBJECT:** Exploitation of Endangered Adult or Dependent.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ **GENERAL**  
☒ **DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill raises the offense of exploitation of a dependent or an endangered adult from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class D felony if the fair market value of the personal services or property involved in the offense is more than \$10,000, or if the fair market value of the personal services or property is more than \$1,000 and the endangered adult or dependent is at least 60 years of age. The bill raises the offense of financial exploitation of an endangered adult or a dependent from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class D felony if the amount of the proceeds involved in the offense is more than \$10,000, or if the amount of the proceeds is more than \$1,000 and the endangered adult or dependent is at least 60 years of age. The bill also provides for certain defenses.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) This bill raises certain offenses specified in the bill from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class D felony. State expenditures could increase if an offender is incarcerated in a state prison rather than in a local jail. A Class D felony is punishable by a prison term ranging between six months to three years or reduction to Class A misdemeanor. The period of incarceration will depend upon mitigating and aggravating circumstances. The average length of stay in Department of Correction (DOC) facilities for all Class D felony offenders is approximately ten months.

The average expenditure to house an adult offender was \$20,700 in FY 1999. Individual facility expenditures ranged from \$14,936 to \$37,807. (This does not include the cost of new construction.) If offenders can be housed in existing facilities with no additional staff, the average cost per offender for medical care, food, and clothing is approximately \$1,825 annually, or \$5 daily.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** More revenue to the Common School Fund could be collected if a larger criminal fine is assessed by the sentencing court. The maximum fine for a Class A misdemeanor is \$5,000 while the maximum fine for a Class D felony is \$10,000. Court fees for both misdemeanors and felonies are

\$120.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** If an offender is sentenced to state prison rather than to a county jail, the costs to the county may be reduced. The maximum term of imprisonment for a Class A misdemeanor is up to one year. The average daily cost to incarcerate a prisoner in a county jail is roughly \$44.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** Court fees for both misdemeanors and felonies are \$120. No additional revenues would be expected since the court fees for a Class A misdemeanor and a Class D felony are the same.

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Correction.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Trial courts; local law enforcement agencies.

**Information Sources:** Indiana Sheriffs Association.